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SUBJ: ROUNDUP OF STUDENT COURT DECISIONS

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1. SEVEN OF THE TEN STUDENTS ON TRIAL IN ISFAHAN FOR DISRUPTING THE PEACE (REFTEL) WERE ACQUITTED JUNE 24 BY ISFAHAN PROVINCIAL COURT. THREE STUDENTS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF HAVING BEEN PART OF A MOB THAT ATTACKED AND RANSACKED PEPSI COLA TRUCKS PARKED OUTSIDE THE COMPANY'S FACTORY. THEY HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO THREE AND ONE HALF MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND PAYMENT OF 5,000 RIALS FINE. THE COURT AGREED WITH DEFENSE LAWYERS CONTENTION THAT MUCH OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE PROSECUTOR WAS OF DUBIOUS ORIGIN. THE CONVICTED STUDENTS ARE APPEALING DECISION. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAD ARGUED THAT THE CASE WAS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL AND SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO CRIMINAL COURT. THIS DEFENSE ARGUMENT, THAT STUDENTS HAVE "RIGHT" TO DEMONSTRATE, HAS BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE--WITH EQUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL RESULTS.

2. TEN STUDENTS FOUND GUILTY SIX MONTHS AGO OF DEMONSTRATING AND DISTURBING THE PEACE HAD THEIR CONVICTIONS
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OVERTURNED JUNE 25 BY TEHRAN SUPERIOR PROVINCIAL COURT. THE STUDENTS HAD BEEN FINED 30,000 RIALS EACH FOR DEMONSTRATING DURING ASHURA PERIOD OF MOURNING LAST DECEMBER.

3. ON JUNE 27 FOUR STUDENTS ARRESTED LAST JANUARY ON CHARGES OF DISTURBING PUBLIC ORDER IN ISFAHAN WERE

FINED 30,000 RIALS EACH BY THE ISFAHAN MISDEMEANOR COURT.
DEFENSE LAWYER MANUCHEHR MASUDI USED ARGUMENT SIMILAR TO
THAT IN PARA 2 ABOVE, ALLEGING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
CITIZENS TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS.

4. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF EDUCATION GANJI
HAS SAID THAT STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE THE
RIGHT NOT TO ACCEPT THE UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE
PRESENT IN SOME SCHOOLS, HE HAS REPORTEDLY SENT A
CIRCULAR TO ALL PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS
REQUIREING OFFICALS TO HOLD MONTHLY DISCUSSION SESSIONS
WITH MEMBERS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

5. COMMENT: LATTER INSTRUCTION, IF EFFECTIVELY IMPL-
MENTED BY AUTHORITIES AND ACCEPTED BY STUDENTS, SHOULD
HELP ALLEVIATE MANY OF STUDENTS MORE BASIC, NON-POLITICAL
DEMANDS, THEREBY REMOVING SOME IRRITANTS WHICHAVE BEEN
CITED BY STUDENTS TO JUSTIFY THEIR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES.

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